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Ladies' Novelty Suits, in imported mixtures, etamine and voiles, the very latest and most carefully selected styles at \$25.00, \$30.00 and \$40.00

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WE ARE BANKED UP WITH ADVANCE SPRING STUFFS IN ALL THE STANDARD AND NOVELTY EFFECTS IN BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC PRODUCTION FOR TAILORED SUITS AND SKIRTS, AMONG WHICH WE WILL ONLY MENTION A FEW SAMPLES OF WHICH WILL BE FOUND IN OUR CORNER WINDOW:

36-inch Mixed and Checked Suitings for..... 50c  
54-inch Pin Checked English Suitings, for..... 75c  
50-inch Pin Head Checks, with invisible stripe, for..... \$1.00  
52-inch Kersey Invisible Shaded Plaid, for..... \$1.50  
50-inch Covert Cloth, for Suits and Jackets, for..... \$1.00  
56-inch Rainproof Mixtures, for..... \$1.25

Also large and elegant display of Silk and Wool Eoliennes, Silk and Wool Crepe de Chine, All-Wool Voiles, Etamines, Albattos, Batiste, etc., in all the new street and evening shades.

## New Spring Wash Goods

WE ARE MAKING GREATER EFFORTS THIS SPRING TO SURPASS ALL FORMER EXHIBITS. THE SALE OF THESE AND OTHER WASH GOODS ARE MAKING OUR BASEMENT POPULAR WITH THE SHOPPERS OF RICHMOND.

Mercerized Silk Zephyr Gingham, in solid colors and the very best styles of figures and stripes, for yard..... 16 3/4c  
Mercerized Silk Zephyr Gingham, in the very newest spring styles and colors, yard, for..... 12 1/2c  
Red Seal and A. F. C. Gingham, in beautiful patterns, of stripes and checks, for yard..... 12 1/2c

White Ground Madras and Percales, with colored dots, stripes and figures, 36 inches wide, yard..... 12 1/2c  
Bourette and Voile Fabrics, the very newest and most durable for skirts and suits, for..... 12 1/2c  
Special lot of 12 1/2c and 15c Gingham, in good patterns, special, this week, for yard..... 10c

## Advance Spring Silk Bargains

The new "Messaline Silks," in black, white and all the new and popular colors, yard, at..... \$1.00  
Pretty Stripe Louisiana Silk, in dainty patterns for dresses and waists, at, yard..... 79c

The Basket Weave Peau de Soie, in black and white, also colors, at, yard..... \$1.00

Black Taffeta Silk Specials.

65c. Black Taffeta Silks, for..... 49c

75c. Black Taffeta Silks, for..... 62 1/2c

\$1.50 36-inch Black Taffeta Silks, for, yard..... \$1.00

## White Quilts

At Less than Actual Manufacturers' Prices

White Satin Quilts, pretty patterns, a \$3 value, sale price..... \$1.98

Matchless White Quilts, full size, cheap at \$1.50; sale price, each..... \$1.00

Fringed White Quilts, full size, cheap at \$1.25; sale price, each..... 98c

## Men's Initial Linen Handkerchiefs, 10c.

Men's Pure All Linen Full Size Initial Handkerchiefs, that you always pay 12 1/2c for, this week, any initial, for..... 10c

## Men's and Boys' Shirts, 25c Special.

50 dozen Men's and Boys' Stiff Bosom and Negligee Shirts, all 50c. goods, to close out to make room for spring goods, for..... 25c

## ACCIDENT TO AN OPERATOR

Jumped From Moving Train at Prospect and Received Compound Fracture of Skull.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
PETERSBURG, VA., Feb. 13.—Z. Y. Bush lies at the Home for the Sick in a precarious condition as the result of an accident which befell him yesterday. Mr. Bush is the telegraph operator at Tugates six miles west of Prospect, on the Norfolk and Western Railway, and at the former place he boarded a passenger train to go to Prospect. When the station was reached, and while the train was going at a lively clip, Mr. Bush jumped off his head first on the ground, and causing a compound fracture of the skull. Accompanied by Drs. Bryant, of Crewe; Atkins, of Blackstone, and Alsop, of Prospect, the young man reached Petersburg in the evening, and was operated on at the hospital by Dr. John Mann and the visiting physicians. Several portions of the skull had to be removed, and his condition has remained critical since the accident.

### SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Yesterday at a store at Dinwiddie Courthouse Arthur Richardson, a young man of that neighborhood, and Booker Ellis, a colored policeman, became engaged in a difficulty, the result being that Richardson drew his revolver and fired, the ball striking Ellis on the hand and head. Ellis came to Petersburg last night and had the wounds dressed.

News has been received here of the death in Washington, D. C., of Mrs. Lyons, widow of the late Augustus Lyons, a former well known citizen of Petersburg.

A local foundry this afternoon shipped from the city a hydraulic press to the Island of Trinidad. The press is to be used in an industry there, a high test of pressure was required.

Mr. Henry Whyte has resigned the position of agent in Petersburg for the Seaboard Air Line to accept a position elsewhere. Mr. Whyte's resignation takes effect Monday next.

**ODD FELLOWS.**  
The Odd-Fellows Association last night elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, R. E. Brunet; Vice-President, J. R. W. Smith; Secretary, W. D. Morris; Treasurer, J. D. Blanks; Finance Committee, W. D. Blanks, R. E. Brunet, H. F. Munt; Property Committee, R. E. Brunet, R. W. Collier, W. T. Parham, B. Blanks, J. R. W. Smith; Bond Committee, W. E. Poole, George Potts, J. B. Brown; Keeper of Hall, Solomon Carr.

Professor William M. P. Jenkins of Richmond will give an organ recital Tuesday at Market Street Methodist Church.

Bishop Randolph will visit Grace Episcopal Church to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, when the ordinance of confirmation will be administered to a class.

**Killed While Hunting.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WAKEFIELD, VA., Feb. 13.—Dr. Stendman Holman, a well known physician, was killed near town yesterday while out rabbit hunting with Leonard Jackson. It seems that they had jumped a rabbit, Jackson fired his gun and the whole load was landed into the lower portion of Holman's body. The men were the best of friends and the accident was purely accidental.

Many farmers in this section have fallen into line, and, taking kindly to the humane suggestion of The Times-Dispatch, are supplying food at convenient places for the poor little birds.

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In the not distant future I hope to see more of this busy little town and her environments.

J. H. SLEDGE.

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**WALTER D. MOSES & CO., 103 E. Broad Street.**

## BURNED IN MANCHESTER

Negro in a Serious Condition at the City Hospital.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch.

Harry Smith, a colored employee of the Standard Oil Works, went to Gill's blacksmith shop yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock and stood close to the furnace. A spark caught his clothing, and in a minute he was ablaze. Dr. Broadnax attended him, but as the case turned out to be a serious one, he was sent to the City Hospital, where Dr. Syde treated him. He was believed late last night to be in a serious condition.

**TWO ARRESTS.**  
David Winfree was arrested last night by Officer Waymack for creating a disturbance by fighting on the street.

Folkman Jones arrested Abraham Spurwell for beating his wife. He charges her with having run off with another man.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE.**  
The Finance Committee will meet in special session to-morrow night to consider the proposition to erect a bridge across the river at Mayo's Island. The report from this committee will go to the Board of Aldermen on Tuesday night.

**FUNERAL OF MRS. FRITH.**  
The funeral of Mrs. Mary Frith, widow of John Frith, will be from the home in Marx Addition at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Mrs. Frith died yesterday morning. She leaves four children—Messrs. W. A. and C. B. Frith, of Chesterfield; J. W. Frith, of Crewe; Mrs. James Patrons, of Chesterfield.

Rev. Dr. A. B. Beadles will conduct the service and the funeral will be in Maury Cemetery.

**DEATH OF MR. BOYDEN.**  
Mr. John C. Boyden died at his home, No. 305 West Fourteenth Street, early yesterday morning, aged sixty-four years. He leaves a widow and four children. The funeral will be from Randolph Street Church, Richmond, at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

**COURT NOTES.**  
James Jefferson was sent to jail for thirty days yesterday by Mayor Maurice as a good citizen, as well as of all higher education. Make the foundation sound and secure if you would have the superstructure safe and permanent.

The case of Lyman Stutz, charged with abusing Jane Clark, went over to Tuesday.

Squire Cheatham, in Swansboro, sent Jesse Elam to jail for sixty days for abusing people from whom he begged food.

**CHURCH NOTICES.**  
Rev. R. M. Chandler will preach on "The Way of the Young Man," at Central Church, to-morrow.

The subjects upon which Rev. J. T. Ruten will preach at West End Church, are, morning: "A Terrible Battle in a Forest"; evening: "How a Young Man Was Stripped of His Strength."

Rev. C. O. Woodward's subjects at Cowardin Avenue Church will be, morning: "Pencils"; evening: "A Dialogue Between Heaven and Hell."

At Bainbridge Street Church, the subject of Rev. E. V. Bailey's sermons will be, morning: "The Making of a Man"; evening: "The Second Commandment."

**PERSONAL AND NOTES.**  
At the ladies' night entertainment at the Elks' Home on Tuesday night, Messrs. Willie Morrisett, Richard Bacon and Dr. William Morrisett composed the entertainment committee.

Mrs. M. C. Price is ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. B. Staples. Henderson Lodge, degree team will initiate a class of Odd Fellows for initiation at the home of Mrs. Price, to-morrow night.

**LOST HIS CHARM.**  
Mr. J. T. Morrisett lost his watch charm yesterday morning, with chip diamond, and with initials on a small ring. Inside are pictures of himself and wife. He would be glad to have it returned.

**MAY BE PARDONED IN ORDER TO BE TRIED**  
(By Associated Press.)

KANSAS CITY, MO., Feb. 13.—William Rudolph, who with George Collins, robbed the bank at Union, Mo., December 23, 1903, of \$15,000, and who after arrest made a sensational escape from the officers at the Four Courts on July 6, 1904, is in the Kansas State penitentiary, having been sentenced for a safe robbery at Leavenworth, Kansas, under the name of Albert Gory.

A Kansas pardon will be asked for Rudolph at once, that he may be taken to Missouri on a requisition and tried for murder and bank robbery.

Collins, Rudolph's partner in the Union crime, will be hanged March 11th.

**DIED FROM EATING CRABS**  
Gilbert Meem, Jr., Passes Away on the Pacific Coast.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WHEELING, W. VA., Feb. 13.—Advices have been received here of the death of Mr. Gilbert Meem, Jr., at Seattle, Wash. His death occurred on January 22, and resulted from illness brought on by eating crabs at a restaurant. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Meem, who were well known and occupied a Strathmore, one of the finest farms in the Shenandoah Valley, situated near Mt. Jackson.

## BARKSDALE LAW UNDER HEAVY FIRE

The Clay Ward Actives Desire to Know Their Status Thereunder.

The Clay Ward Actives hold a well attended meeting at Belvidere Hall last night, the feature of which was the rapping given the Barksdale pure elections law by the members.

The club meetings have been sparsely attended of late, but during the week, the new secretary, Mr. Carlton, sent out a postal to each member informing him that "important business" was on hand, and when President E. W. Minor called to order, the walls were pretty well fringed with familiar faces. Mayor Taylor was there and seemed to enjoy the proceedings.

Other well known gentlemen on hand were Councilman Crenshaw, Messrs. Henry L. Carter, Isaac Diggs and D. F. Craddock and almost the entire evening was consumed in informal talks for "the good of the order."

The Barksdale pure elections bill came in for some severe rapping, and incidentally some reference was made to the purport of the measure.

The question was whether the club would be able to continue on its basis of receiving annual contributions from its honorary members, many of whom are city officers, who periodically come up for re-election. It was decided to look into the matter and see if there would be amenable to the law.

**Our Great Reduction Sale**

Will Continue at Our Main-Street Store.

**\$50,000.00**

Worth of China, Cut Glass, Brica-Brac and House-furnishing Goods

to be closed out this week at our Main-Street Store at prices that will astonish the closest buyer.

Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Brass Sets, Fenders, Clocks and Housefurnishing Goods.

All included in our special prices this week.

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## FARMVILLE, THE SOUTHSIDE METROPOLIS, SEAT OF BUSINESS AND EDUCATION

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Farmville Manufacturing Plant Worth Visit to Town to See. Ingenious Machines.

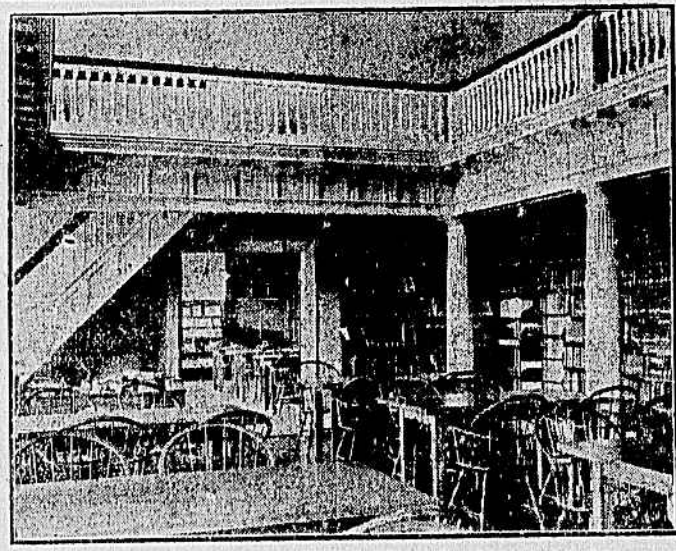
FARMVILLE, VA., Feb. 13.—The space allotted this article is all too small in which to do justice to the "Metropolis of the Southside." Teaching the historic town as the sabbath curtain of work, in being drawn, I was shown to the "Windsor Hotel." Mine host, Gilliam, was a friend of the days that are past. To say that he and his most estimable wife know how, in old Virginia fashion, to welcome the evening and spend the party is but faint praise. You may rest assured that at the "Windsor" every creature's comfort is looked after.

It is not incumbent upon us to dwell upon the many attractions in and around the town, nor upon the hospitality of its citizens. The centre of attraction—the lodestone around which gathers all else—the one object of her pride is the State Female Normal College.

**TEACHING TAUGHT.**  
This is one institution in Virginia whose business it is to train young women to teach. It has sent out over five hundred graduates, four hundred of whom are still teaching in the public schools; in addition to these, there are at work in the classroom six hundred and more young women who have had the advantage of one or two years of training at Farmville; so that, in all more than one thousand young women now teaching in Virginia, and at least thirty thousand children have felt the influence of this school.

That the influence is mighty need not be questioned, for it is the consensus of opinion among county superintendents of education that their best teachers come from Farmville.

**LIVING SOURCE.**  
This school is, therefore, the vital part of the public school system. If her growth be retarded by lack of funds, if her power be restricted by inadequate equipment, the whole system must suffer without doubt. If, however, the Commonwealth would supply all her needs, encourage her growth and increase efficiency by every available means, what would be the result? The whole public school system would feel to its very extremities the new and enriched life-blood from the heart of the system; the whole body politic would become a stronger, healthier. The Commonwealth would then be her own greatest beneficiary, and would reap in citizenship what she had sown in appropriations. It would thus clearly be a false economy on the part of the State to deprive the State Female Normal School of any amount necessary to meet its actual needs, which are, even



SCENE IN LIBRARY OF STATE FEMALE NORMAL SCHOOL.

now, urgent, though much has been done in the few years past.

**LACK OF BEAUTY.**  
An excellent new training school has been built, but it is still imperfectly equipped; a beautiful new library and attractive reading room have been added, but many hundred volumes are still needed for a good working library. The dining room has recently been beautified and enlarged to a seating capacity of four hundred, but the dormitory accommodations, providing comfortably for about two hundred and forty, have not kept pace with this expansion. There is urgent need for dormitories for at least four hundred girls. The assembly hall is not large enough for any public function, and is very unattractive in appearance.

There are practically no laboratories for physics and biology; there are not enough class-rooms, and the office accommodations are not nearly sufficient. There is not a granite walk on the place. The buildings—the old ones—certainly do not fulfill the conditions usually required of "beauty unadorned," perhaps because they have no beauty to begin with. They are as severe and forbidding in appearance as traditional barracks.

**BEAUTY SHOULD HAVE ITS COMMITTANTS.**  
It is a firm belief in the mind of the present administration that the young women teachers of Virginia should be trained in surroundings as beautiful as any provided for the young men. Environment must, of necessity, have weight in teacher-training; therefore, all the buildings here should be made to harmonize, both inside and out, with the new west wing, the only attractive building in the entire plant.

These needs are not imaginary, but as

tual and pressing, as every visitor to the Normal School can testify. Sixty thousand dollars, the special appropriation asked of the Legislature, is sorely needed, and is little enough to effect so many improvements.

But there are even greater needs than those enumerated. With one more teacher in the kindergarten at the Normal School, a thorough two years' kindergarten training course may be offered. There is now a call for manual training in some of the schools. One more teacher in the manual training department at

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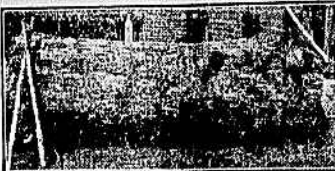
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